

Abstract

5 Process for measuring the performance of a information retrieval system comprising
a repository of documents or files associated with a search engine; said process
involving the steps of:

- recording the individual appreciation or flags individually assigned by the users to
10 the documents being output to the users; ;
- computing at least a first and a second metrics respectively representative of the
number of positive flags and the rank of the documents having received positive
flags and monitoring changes to said at least first and second metrics;
- displaying information to the user in response to the detection of changes brought
15 to said first and second metrics. There is also provided an improved maintenance
process of a repository of documents.

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Figure 1